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I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by the President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovych, dated 1 March 2014 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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Statement by the President of Ukraine

As the legally elected President of Ukraine, I hereby make the following statement.

The events on the Maidan and the illegal seizure of power in Kyiv have brought Ukraine to the brink of civil war. Chaos and anarchy reign in the country, and people' s lives, safety and human rights are under threat, particularly in the south-east and in Crimea. With the influence of Western countries, open acts of terror and violence are being perpetrated and people are being persecuted on political and linguistic grounds.

I therefore appeal to the President of Russia, V. V. Putin, to use the armed forces of the Russian Federation to restore law and order, peace and stability and to protect the people of Ukraine.

(*Signed*) V. F. **Yanukovych**